

CERTIFICATION TABLE				
PATIENT'S CONDITION	MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY TO A TEMPORARY (T) OR PERMANENT (P) CONDITION			
	PHYSICIAN	NURSE PRACTITIONER	PODIATRIST	CHIROPRACTOR
Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest.	T or P	T or P	T	T
Uses portable oxygen.	T or P	T or P		
Cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assertive device.	T or P	T or P	T	T
Has a cardiac condition to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.	T or P	T or P		
Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of mercury on room air or at rest.	T or P	T or P		
Is severely limited in ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.	T or P	T or P	T	T
Has some other debilitating condition that, in the view of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, podiatrist, or chiropractor, limits or impairs ability to walk.	T or P	T or P	T	T
Has been diagnosed with a mental or developmental amentia or delay that impairs judgment including, but not limited to, an autism spectrum disorder.	P	P		
Has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia.	P	P		
Is legally blind or deaf.	P	P		
Has some other condition that, in the view of a licensed physician or nurse practitioner creates a safety concern while walking because of impaired judgment or other physical, developmental, or mental limitation.	P	P		

For safety's sake, remove your placard from your rear view mirror when driving

Violations and Penalties

Remember; it's unlawful to:

- ▶ park in a space reserved for disabled individuals without displaying your disabled placard or plates. A conviction of this offense could result in fines from \$100 to \$500.
- ▶ allow anyone to use your placard or plates to park in a disabled parking space unless they are transporting you. A conviction of this offense could result in fines of up to \$500 and/or the revocation of your disabled parking privileges, requiring you to surrender your placard or plates.


It's also illegal to:

- ▶ create or use a counterfeit copy of a disabled parking placard or license plates.
- ▶ alter a disabled parking placard or license plates.
- ▶ make a false statement about a disability in order to obtain or assist someone else in obtaining a disabled parking placard or license plates.

Convictions for these offenses, which are Class II Misdemeanors, could result in fines of up to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail. Additionally, DMV may revoke your disabled parking privileges, requiring you to surrender your placard or plates. To report expired placards or suspected misuse or alteration of placards or plates, call (804) 367-6602.

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Disabled
Parking
Privileges

Information



If You Have a Disability, Virginia Has Parking Placards and License Plates for You

If you have a temporary or permanent disability that limits or impairs your ability to walk or creates a safety concern while walking, DMV can provide you with disabled plates and placards that allow you to use parking spaces reserved for individuals with disabilities. These plates and placards display the International Symbol of Access and are valid in all 50 states and other countries. Institutions and organizations that provide transportation for persons with disabilities may also apply for plates and placards. The institution or organization must be a non-profit entity. Businesses that directly or indirectly charge a fee for service are not eligible. You may apply for disabled plates and placards at any DMV customer service center.

Placards and Plates

Temporary disabilities

Temporary parking placards (valid for up to six months) are available if, in your physician's or nurse practitioner's opinion, you have a disability that limits or impairs your ability to walk but will improve in six months or less. A podiatrist or chiropractor may complete your medical certification for certain conditions or disabilities in order for you to obtain a temporary placard. DMV issues one placard per customer. Your physician, nurse practitioner, podiatrist or chiropractor must indicate the expected length of your disability. After six months, if your physician, nurse practitioner, podiatrist or chiropractor certifies that you are still disabled, you may obtain another placard valid for up to six months. All placards expire on the last day of the month and year indicated on the placard.

Permanent disabilities

Permanent parking placards (valid for five years) are available if, in your physician's or nurse practitioner's opinion, you have a permanent disability that limits or impairs your ability to walk

or creates a safety concern while walking. A permanent disability is a condition that limits or impairs movement from one place to another or the ability to walk as defined in Virginia Code § 46.2-1240, and that has reached the maximum level of improvement and is not expected to change even with additional treatment. After five years you may obtain another placard valid for another five years without a certification. Permanent placards are also available for organizations that regularly transport groups of physically disabled persons. All placards expire on the last day of the month and year indicated on the placard.

If, in your physician's or nurse practitioner's opinion, you have a permanent disability you may also get disabled license plates. These plates have the International Symbol of Access. The vehicle owner may be the disabled person or the parent or guardian of the disabled person. Like other license plates, they are valid until your vehicle registration expires. Your physician or nurse practitioner does not need to re-certify your disability when you renew your vehicle registration. Disabled license plates are available for organizations that use specially equipped vehicles to transport groups of physically disabled persons.

Disabled veterans license plates are available with the International Symbol of Access. One set of plates is provided free. Like other license plates, they are valid until your vehicle registration expires. Disabled veterans license plates are available without the International Symbol of Access; however, these plates do not provide disabled parking privileges.

Application Process

Individuals

To obtain a placard or plate, present a Disabled Parking Plates or Placard Application (MED 10).

A certification is required if you are obtaining either a permanent placard or plates for the first time. No certification is needed if you are:

- ▶ renewing your permanent placard;
- ▶ applying for a permanent placard for the first time and you already have disabled plates; or
- ▶ applying for disabled plates for the first time and you already have a permanent placard.

If you are applying for disabled veteran's license plates with the International Symbol of Access, use forms MED 10 and VSA 54. A representative of the Veteran's Administration must sign the VSA 54 form.

Organizations

To obtain placards, present an Institutional/ Organizational Permanent Parking Placard Application (MED 11).

To obtain plates, present a Disabled Parking Plates or Placard Application (MED 10).

Submit

You may submit your placard or plate application by mail (Virginia DMV, Post Office Box 85815, Richmond, VA 23285-5815) or in person at any customer service center. You may renew your permanent plates or placard online at www.dmvNOW.com or by telephone at 1-888-337-4782.

If you apply for the placard in person, a receipt will be issued to you. This receipt allows you to park in disabled parking spaces and is valid for up to 15 days. Your placard will be mailed to you.

- ▶ Institutional/organizational placards will be mailed within 15 days.
- ▶ Temporary or permanent placards will be mailed within 15 days.

Fees

Temporary and permanent placards cost \$5.00. There is no additional charge for plates displaying the International Symbol of Access.

Rights and Privileges

Disabled parking privileges allow you to:

- ▶ park in any parking space designated for a disabled person.
- ▶ park for up to four hours in metered or time-restricted spaces without paying a fee (unless prohibited by the locality).

Disabled parking privileges do not allow you to stop, stand or park in the following areas:

- ▶ where parking is prohibited
- ▶ in spaces reserved for other special types of vehicles
- ▶ where it would clearly present a traffic hazard.

Parking privileges may vary by state or Virginia jurisdiction. In addition, private parking facilities, such as airport parking lots, may restrict the time and free parking provisions for vehicles displaying disabled parking placards or plates.

Privacy for Temporary and Permanent Placard Holders

- ▶ You may use removable tape to cover your name and date of birth on your placard. You must remove the tape covering your name and date of birth if requested by a law enforcement officer.

When your placard expires or when you no longer need it, return it to any DMV office.